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## Some Facts on Water Question

In a recent issue of the Oakland "Tribune" the statement is made that the Peoples Water Company of that place has "secured" the fine well recently bored by the Alameda Sugar Co., of Alvarado, and that they could connect it up with very slight trouble or delay with their existing pumping system. That this well went much deeper than their old wells—467 feet—and struck a different layer of gravel, and that same supply was "inexhaustible," and that though they pumped for a long time at the rate of 3,000,000 gallons per day, the level of the water in the well was not lowered.

The idea that the supply of water in the gravel beds of the Niles Cone is unlimited has always been industriously published by parties who wished to take our water, but there is nothing more absurd or less difficult to disprove, in connection with the whole matter. The local Water Committee has had engineers in the field for several months, and has absolute proof on these matters, and the facts are as follows:

There are some 40,000 acres of land under which there is a more or less continuous bed of water-bearing gravel, all connected by very irregular and very different seams of water-bearing gravel with the Alameda Creek gravels in the present bed. The Alameda Creek is the source of supply of these gravels, as it has in the past laid them down in various channels and old "barbancaas," which in every part of the valley show where the stream has flowed in times past. Some of these layers of gravel are deep down, possibly the bottom of the deepest is 2,000 feet down at one point. At other points there may be very little water-bearing gravel, and if the water were taken out of that little streak or layer it would be impossible ever to get a good well at that location.

All the water of Alameda Creek is or will soon be needed for the farmers and towns in this valley. This is the contention of the local water committee, and is so stated in the report made by the city of San Francisco to the United States government in connection with its request for the Hetch Hetchy water. At the same time the water is ours by every right and law is the fact for which several water companies are fighting and planning, and the

intend to get it by means fair or foul, and they will do so if we do not "watch out."

If the water is not allowed to pour into this underground lake, as it might be called, and is at the same time pumped out along the bay shore, the level will constantly fall, as it has during the last two dry years, in spite of the fact that many millions of gallons daily, even in each of said dry seasons, were poured into the gravel beds for some weeks during the small floods that did come.

Now, every year will be a "dry year" if the flood water is held back by dams in the mountains. And the process of lowering the "water table" will progress merrily and regularly by means of pumps along the shore. These wells of the People's Water Company are 200 feet deep, but their supply is even now limited, and it is a fact that if there is more than about 8,000,000 gallons per day drawn from them the salt water of the bay is drawn in to the injury of the value for domestic uses in Oakland, but the article quoted says that the new well, 467 feet deep, farther back in the valley, strikes a different level, as it does. There is no doubt but it would continue to supply water in immense quantities, and they could no doubt bore more on the same tract, and with powerful pumps possibly double their present supply if allowed to do so. If the water level lowered or the salt began to come back from the bay, their engineers could show them locations still farther back in the valley where they could go deeper and with still more powerful pumps keep on lowering the "water table." It would pay them to do so, for it is much cheaper to pump even from great depth than it would be to construct and maintain long pipe lines, filters, and to build dams and great reservoirs.

Does any citizen of this valley doubt for a moment that it is entirely possible for the People's Water Company by means of other wells in that deep bed of gravel at Alvarado to draw down the whole level of the water table of the valley to approximately the bottom of that well if our gravel beds are not well refilled at every winter?

Centerville the water would be around 500 feet down, and near Niles still deeper.

The next move of that or another water company would be to say a mile deeper into the valley and possibly 500 feet deeper into the gravel beds. I am informed that the above company now owns land just about a mile away, evidently looking ahead for future necessities.

What would happen to the valley and the farmers and towns even before this third location was necessary? You may be sure that many wells, owing to the irregularity of the gravel layers, would fail to get water, no matter how deep they might be sunk. Many, or most small farmers, could not afford to sink their wells to 500 feet, and even if they could sink them to 500 feet and buy the expensive pumps and motors necessary for such deep pumping for house uses, it would never pay to irrigate with such expensive water, and the varied and intensive agriculture of the valley would have to be replaced by much more primitive methods.

Well, what are we going to do about it? Why, go as a unit to the polls on December 30th and register a rousing vote for our Alameda County Water District, and then follow it up by electing good, honest men to act as directors at the next election. The law for our protection is clear, and the expense of any possible litigation will be very small when divided among us all.

Many a man this summer has lowered his well at a cost of say \$200. On a small 10-acre place that is \$20 per acre. The added cost of pumping if he is irrigating his place would be far more than \$20 per year for all time if the water stays at the lower level. If it goes to two hundred or more feet the expense would be much greater. Any possible litigation in connection with enforcing our rights to our own water would be a mere "drop in the bucket," beside such heavy expenses as these, and would certainly look small beside our school and road taxes which we pay cheerfully.

J. C. SMITH.

## SEVERAL PEOPLE ARE VICTIMIZED

### A Smooth Pair of Rogues Visit Niles and Make a Cleanup

A pair of rogues visited in Niles last Wednesday and succeeded in disposing of some loot secured from a burglary they perpetrated in Stockton some days before. The goods they carried were boots and shoes of good quality, valued as high as seven or eight dollars a pair, and which they offered for sale as low as two or three dollars. They went to the California Nurseries and succeeded in selling several pairs. In all, eight pairs were recovered, also a gold watch which they had stolen and sold.

One of the pair had taken a room at the Hotel Wesley, while the other was caught prowling about the rooms

of the hotel, but was ordered away by the proprietor, H. A. Paine, who thought there was something suspicious in the man's actions. A suit case was found missing, but was afterward found.

The two left on the three o'clock train and were traced to San Jose by Constable Manuel Oliveria, of Centerville, who put them under arrest.

They will be returned to Stockton and tried on a burglary charge.

This shows good work on the part of our township officers, who should receive the honors due them from the people.

## A Crazy Negro Terrorizes Citizens

A burly negro, in a frenzied condition, appeared on the streets of Niles last Saturday about noon time and created considerable excitement by his actions.

He terrorized all with whom he met, and especially several women whom he encountered on the main street. He entered the Southern Pacific station and gave Mr. Courtney and Mr. Hill, employees of the company, a merry chase.

He would undoubtedly have made sad havoc of things around town if it had not been for the good work of Constable Frank Rose and two assistants, who surrounded the negro and finally put him under arrest after a vigorous and hot battle.

As The Register understands, he was accompanied into Niles by two pals, who agreed to leave town on condition of not being arrested.

The miscreant was taken to Oakland and incarcerated in the county jail, where he is languishing on account of default of payment of fine.

One of the ladies he approached was Mrs. McDay, the wife of the traveling representative of the Bone-

stell Paper Company, of San Francisco, who happened to be accompanying her husband on one of his business trips.

Niles is polluted with this sort of traveling public, and they should be given a certain time to leave the town or suffer arrest and prosecution for vagrancy.



St. James Church, Centerville.

Sunday-school, 10 a. m.  
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.  
Tuesday evening, December 23d, children's service and Christmas tree in the church.

Trinity Church, Niles.  
Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

After the evening service there will be the annual meeting. Special music and popular hymns.

N. F. HIGBY, Rector.

Darrow will make a specialty of fruit cake for the holidays.

## MORE ITEMS OF LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Geo. MacRae's mother, Mrs. Mary L. Smith, will visit her this winter and is expected Saturday, December 20th. Mrs. MacRae is busy furnishing her apartment in the Theater Building.

A beautiful doll is to be given away Christmas matinee at the Niles Edison Theater. Tickets are given away every show night. Be sure and have several chances and win the prize. On display at Morgan & Co.'s store.

Another one of those popular Sunday afternoon dances will be given by the Joy Club in Connor's Hall tomorrow afternoon. The last one proved a success and the arrangement committee is looking for a much larger attendance.

Dont forget Darrow's for your holiday pastries.

A benefit ball will be given New Year's eve under the auspices of the Niles baseball club, at Connor's Hall. A full orchestra will be in attendance and a good time may be expected. Admission for gents will be 50 cents and ladies 25 cents. Everyone who is interested in the Niles club should attend and help swell the fund.

Niles Woman's Club is arranging for a special meeting on January 8th, when a program of interest will be given and guests invited. Mrs. Geo. MacRae intends to entertain the Woman's Club and Country Club and guests at a matinee at the Niles Edison Theater the first of the year. Educational pictures and a comedy will be the program and an illustrated song.

Santa Claus will be in Darrow's on Christmas Eve to give away his holiday greetings.

A pleasant company assembled at Belvoir on Monday evening to enjoy an evening at cards. Mr. Hartman and Mrs. Noble, from the Masonic Home, Decoto; Dr. and Mrs. Eaton and Mr. Clarence Salz, from Centerville; Mr. and Mrs. Higby, Mr. and Mrs. Sneden, Mr. and Mrs. Walpert, and Miss De Cora, from Niles, were among the invited guests. Miss Grace Hilborn, of Oakland, gave pleasure before and after the card

Every boy and girl in Washington Township can get a Christmas offering at Darrow's.

Mr. D. Friedmann, of San Francisco, was in Niles last Thursday looking over the consideration of the investment in hotel property. In his short stay here, he made many friends and undoubtedly, if his stay here shall be permanent, he will gain a great many constituents, who will appreciate Mr. Friedmann's good qualities and personality. We wish that more such men as we have found him will locate in Niles. He left on the same evening for San Francisco.

Mrs. Allison Watt, Grand President of the N. D. G. W., paid Laura Loma Parlor an official visit Tuesday evening December 16th. She was accompanied by Grand Secretary Miss Alice Dougherty. They were met at the 5:15 train and escorted to the hall, where they were banqueted at 6:30 by the Entertainment Committee, Madames Esterday, Moore and Barnard. At 8 o'clock the Parlor was called to order by the President.

Tuesday evening, December 2d, Laura Loma Parlor, N. D. G. W., elected the following officers: President, Rita Fournier; First Vice-President, Isabella Cahill; Second Vice-President, Margaret Lynch; Third Vice-President, May Barnard; Marshal, Frances Simpson; Trustees, Ethel Fournier, Ida Easterday and Zulmira Dominic; Outside Sentinel, Hester Rose; Inside Sentinel, Mae Moore; Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Tyson; Doctors, C. L. McKown and Dr. St. Sure.

The ladies of the Congregational Church Guild held their last meeting before adjourning for the holidays on Wednesday afternoon, with a good attendance. All the members are busy preparing some new rag rugs for the Sunday-school and Guild rooms. The members discussed the matter of paying the organist. Mrs. Mayhew was appointed to decorate the church for December for Sunday morning services. The total receipts of the bazaar held December 4th were reported as \$150.95. Of this sum, \$140 was applied on the church debt. Mrs. Mayhew served coffee, cheese and doughnuts in the way of refreshments before adjournment. The next meeting was appointed for Wednesday, January 14th.

Darrow's is the place to get your nuts and candies for Xmas.

## MAYBE NO BONDS MAYBE NO ROAD

### Route of the Highway Rests Entirely With the Commissioners

not subscribe, rests entirely with the Highway Commissioners, according to the law. Counties will find their compensation for the purchase of State highway bonds in the construction of the highway and not in any financial returns, according to statements made Tuesday in Judge Harris' court, in Oakland, by John T. Nourse, of the Attorney General's office, during the hearing of the application of Mrs. Ruby Ward, sister-in-law of Supervisor Joseph Kelley, the minority 2; 17706 dec 19 kiny bf tn 13 member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, for an injunction to prevent the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County from investing \$200,000 in the State highway bonds.

"It is generally admitted that the counties which purchase these bonds will lose on their investment if they are compelled to convert them into cash," explained Nourse, who appears in behalf of the State Treasurer, who is made a party to the injunction proceedings. "However, the counties are compensated for this loss by the fact that by purchasing these bonds they will get the State highway through their territory."

Whether the route for the highway which has been decided upon can be changed in the event the counties do

to the lawyers. District Attorney W. H. L. Hynes and his deputy, Leon A. Clark, who is trying the case, declare that the power of the Commission is absolute.

Chairman John F. Mullins, of the Oakland Board of Supervisors, said Tuesday:

"Unless Alameda County purchases its bonds now we will have to wait to get the highway constructed. We prefer to buy the bonds now and get the highway built rather than not buy the bonds and wait. In a conference with the Highway Commissioners this alternative was explained to me."

Supervisor Kelley complains that the construction of the highway is not of a type to stand the traffic, and adopted the injunction proceedings as a means of preventing the Oakland Supervisors from purchasing \$200,000 worth of bonds.

Attorney Emile Nusbaumer attacked the statute enabling counties to invest surplus savings in the bonds on the ground that it was unconstitutional. It developed that the State Treasurer has accepted warrants from the Oakland Supervisors in payment for the bonds and that the warrants are now being held in Oakland banks for collection.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR LATE SOLOMON EHRLMAN

The funeral of Solomon Ehrman, who died Sunday morning following an operation at the Adler Hospital in San Francisco, was held this week. Ehrman is a pioneer of this State. He came here from Germany in the early '60's and established a business at Suisun. Later he established at Mission San Jose with his brother, Max Ehrman. The latter was killed in the Alderman train wreck, and Solomon took in Leopold Bachman as partner. In 1880 the place was the largest mercantile business in these parts. It was in this year Bachman retired and A. Lebrecht became a partner.

Lebrecht retired from the business in 1891 and Ehrman retired some three years later. Ehrman was selected on the present grand jury. He was a director of the Bank of Centerville and a member of the Alameda order of Masons No. 167. He has held several important offices in the latter organization. Ehrman, who was 67 years of age, is survived by a wife, two daughters, Mrs. Albert Frank and Mrs. L. W. Neustadter, and two sons, Alfred and Alexis Ehrman.

Miss Grace Hilborn, of Oakland, was a guest over the week-end at Belvoir. Miss Hilborn was a frequent visitor to Niles in past days and charmed all with her fine contralto voice.



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### Minor Happenings of the Week

Barbezieux, France.—Leon Letort, a well-known French aviator, was killed here when his biplane turned over and crushed him as he was about to land.

Washington.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, famous food expert, stated at the first class of the new suffragist school here that "not until women have the ballot will there be proper pure food laws."

Colon.—The Arctic exploration ship Fram departed for San Francisco on Monday by way of the Straits of Magellan. The steamer has been waiting since October 3 to go through the canal.

Plymouth, England.—The submarine C-14 sank in Plymouth sound here as the result of a collision. The crew was rescued. This is the first British submarine lost without the sacrifice of life.

Berlin.—The new Duchess of Croy, nee Nancy Leishman, daughter of the former United States Ambassador to Berlin, will not be entitled to the privileges of her rank at any German royal court.

Washington.—Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's oldest daughter, entertained the capital's blind with songs and recitations from famous authors at the celebration of their library building.

Chicago.—Roller skates have been brought into use in the postoffice here to accelerate the movements of clerks in the checking room. The skaters have a stretch of concrete in the basement a block long to cover.

Farmington, Utah.—Any person synecopating the old-time waltz or two-step in Davis county will spend thirty days in the county jail. A law pro-

Pershing, recently displaced by a civilian as governor of Mindanao, has been relieved from duty in the Philippine department. He will return to the United States and report for further orders.

Trenton, N. J.—Mrs. Ella Fleming of Los Angeles was fined \$2,000 in the United States District Court for smuggling \$3,500 worth of wearing apparel. Mrs. Fleming arrived at Hoboken November 24 on the steamer George Washington. The fine was paid.

Pittsburgh.—Enemies of G. M. Mercurio, wealthy Italian merchant here, attempted to wreck his home and kill his family with dynamite. The explosion of a cartridge beneath the porch while the family was dining blew off the door and smashed several windows.

New York.—Bob McAllister, the California middleweight, made his first appearance in the East here in a ten-round bout with Young Mike Donovan of this city, and cleverly outpointed the local boxer throughout. McAllister weighed in at 159 pounds and Donovan at 155.

Washington.—Former Vice-President Fairbanks' old home here, one of the most famous residences in Washington, has been purchased by the Washington Club, one of the most exclusive woman's organizations in the city. The consideration it is said is in the neighborhood of \$110,000.

Montreal, Quebec.—Daylight pierced Mount Royal for the first time last Saturday. Two gangs of laborers, tunneling 600 feet underground, met in the heart of the mountain. The new tunnel is three and one-third miles long and was built for the Canadian Northern Railway Company.

Chicago.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, the first woman to become superintendent of schools in a large city, was forced out of her position when the Board of Education had a tie vote on her election. Immediately upon the announcement Mrs. Young resigned, saying that without the unanimous support of the board she would have to decline to permit her name to be voted on again.

Washington.—How the Department of Agriculture is fighting high prices of eggs was told to a House committee by Dr. Remmel, chief of the animal industry division. While the department, he said, is experimenting to increase the "egg laying capacity of the American hen," boys' and girls' poultry clubs are being organized throughout the States to foster poultry breeding and egg production.

## News of Pacific Coast Condensed

Redding.—Louis Loushe, timberman in the Mammoth mine, was killed when a slab of ore fell from the roof of the drift as he began his day's work. Loushe was a Swiss, aged 35.

Tacoma.—Seven women and five men are on the jury to try Saverio Verone, charged with the murder of Augustino Travoni, his former son-in-law, in May last.

Los Angeles.—Mrs. W. R. Hackney, a tourist, from St. Paul, reported to the police that \$12,000 in jewelry had been stolen from her while walking in the downtown section. The jewelry was in a bag attached to a chain and the thief cut the chain.

Sacramento.—Robert McIntish and Frank Peoples, who murdered Guard Albert Goetz at the Mendocino Insane Asylum, from which they recently escaped, may have to face trial. The authorities declare that the recaptured inmates are feigning insanity.

Los Angeles.—After a defense behind closed doors with a shotgun which held police and private detectives at bay for twelve hours, M. M. Davison, secretary of the Nebraska Society, is in jail awaiting a preliminary hearing December 23 on a charge of forgery.

San Francisco.—George Poole and Thomas Murphy were sentenced to serve three years each in San Quentin by Judge Dooling in the United States District Court. They were convicted for having entered into a conspiracy to smuggle opium into this country from Mexico.

Fresno.—Two auto bus lines have been started here as a result of the refusal of the Fresno Traction Company to extend tracks into thickly populated sections. A nickel fare is charged and the bus takes in about two miles of territory that the street car does not touch.

San Francisco.—J. E. Wells, who says he is poor, unable to work, aged and physically infirm, filed suit in the Superior Court against his three children—Clarence, an electrician; Walter, a teamster, and Genevieve, a stenographer—to compel them to pay him \$10 a month apiece.

Sacramento.—With twenty-four pure stock animals from the State farm at Davis, the University of California

at Portland. The premiums include five championships, seven firsts, ten seconds and two thirds.

Portland, Or.—Dr. Roller, the wrestler, will not be permitted to wrestle in Portland. Sheriff Word, who stopped professional wrestling here last spring among local men, says that outsiders are also barred. Roller wanted to wrestle Ben Jackson, another heavyweight here. He has been wrestling around Los Angeles of late.

Seattle.—A shipment of 4000 Maine lobsters has been successfully made to the Puget Sound region, in furtherance of plans to establish the Eastern lobster on the Pacific Coast. The crustaceans were taken to San Juan islands and liberated. It is proposed to make similar shipments until the lobster is firmly established in Pacific waters.

Reno.—Property worth \$60,000, the estate of Elias Olinghouse, a Nevada pioneer who died last week, awaits the finding of his orphaned grandnephew, Paul Olinghouse, a boy of 13, whose address is unknown. Four fine ranches near Wadsworth, Nev., 1000 beef cattle and mining properties, some of which are producing gold regularly, are awaiting the youthful heir.

Victoria, B. C.—In reply to a large deputation of women who called upon him Sir Richard McBride refused their request for the introduction of a suffrage bill by the government of British Columbia. The Premier said he feared that if women got the vote they would soon sit in Parliament and it would be reasonable to suppose that they would attempt to run the affairs of the country.

San Francisco.—The California State Realty Federation has obtained 50,000 names, a third more than necessary, on its initiative petition to amend the State Constitution so that only those owning property liable to taxation shall vote in any state, county, city or other bond election. San Francisco and Los Angeles contributed about 15,000 each to the petition. It was circulated in 46 counties.

Reno, Nev.—When Senator M. D. Foley of Reno was at the zenith of his financial prosperity and political fame he was shot to death by a woman. His body has for a score of years lain in a local graveyard, the grass kept green and flowers upon the mound. The widow married again and her husband's business called them East. Their inability to care longer for the grave caused them last week to direct local undertakers to exhume the body and have it cremated at San Francisco.

## Report of Railroad Board Shows Its Orders are Obeyed

San Francisco.—In its annual report to Governor Johnson, the Railroad Commission announces that 99.38 per cent of the orders issued in the fiscal year ending June 30 last have gone into effect uncontested.

The work of the commission is summed up as follows:

The commission passed on application for stock, bonds and notes to a total of \$167,000,000, authorizing the issue of \$146,000,000 and denying the issue of \$13,000,000.

Several issues of stocks and bonds have been declared illegal because put out without the authority of the commission.

To date the commission has rendered 980 formal decisions of which only seven have resulted in appeals to the courts. The legislature of 1913 gave the commission more definite jurisdiction over public utilities selling at wholesale under the contract and jurisdiction also over pipe lines.

Attacks have been made on the jurisdiction of the commission by the Southern Pacific Company and two affiliated corporations, the Kern Trading and Oil Company and the Associated Oil Company.

The following municipalities have voluntarily transferred authority over all or a portion of their public utilities to the commission:

Palo Alto, Willits, Orange, Monterey, Salinas, Antioch, Ontario, Belvedere, Daly City, Huntington Beach, San Jose and Eagle Rock.

During the fiscal year the commission made 35 important reductions and readjustments of rates charged by railroads, express companies, electric, gas, telephone, warehouse and wharfage

companies. Thirty-three orders regulating service were also issued. Here are some of the most notable rulings:

Reduction of Wells Fargo express rates by 15 per cent.

Reduction of Sunset railroad rates between Bakersfield and the oil fields by 40 per cent.

Numerous reductions of freight rates throughout the state.

Readjustment and reductions of main line and commutation rates on the Northwestern Pacific.

Reduction of commutation rates in the vicinity of Oakland, Los Angeles, San Diego and the Peninsula.

Reduction of electric rates in Bay counties, Sacramento valley and throughout southern California.

Reduction of gas rates in Palo Alto and Orange.

Reduction of San Francisco and trans-bay phone rates.

Readjustment and lowering of water rates in Los Angeles county and city of Willits.

Forbidding combination of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads contrary to Supreme Court mandate.

Ordering new depots in Berkeley, Suisun, Empire, Bowles and elsewhere. Reports and orders on trolley wrecks at Vallejo and Venice.

Announcement of policy that any public service corporation will be protected in its field, so long as it serves the territory adequately and reasonably.

Physical connection ordered between unrelated telephone companies.

Water companies directed to make service connections and install meters at their own expense.

Public utilities forbidden to abandon service.

Sale of impure water forbidden.

## 23 Steamship Companies Preparing for Canal Rush

San Francisco.—Twenty-three out of thirty-four of the big European and American steamship lines have announced the intention of extending

the west coast service. Practically every line of any importance is improving and enlarging its service and equipment and expending large sums in the purchase of new vessels to handle

the big ditch is thru open for commercial purposes.

Never before in the history of the world have the commercial agencies made preparations for such a comprehensive campaign of development of trade as is projected by the steamship companies to take place upon the open-

ing of the canal. Practically every line of any importance is improving and enlarging its service and equipment and expending large sums in the purchase of new vessels to handle

## Convicted of Working Girl Employee Over 8 Hours Day

Santa Rosa.—The first conviction for working girls over eight hours a day was secured here last week. L. Monseigne, of the Domestic French Laundry was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 or spend twenty-five days in the county jail. Monseigne was recently warned by Deputy Labor Commis-

sioner Gorman and the law explained to him. Complaints continued to be made against him, and Gorman determined to watch the place. He found Theresa Perotini being employed for longer periods than eight hours a day and arrested the laundryman and secured his conviction.

## Venice Police Shut Down on Gambling by Machines

Los Angeles.—The anti-gambling lid, from cigars to chewing gum and chickens, has been clamped on at Venice. You can gamble by hand, with dice, but you cannot gamble by machine.

District Attorney Fredericks notified Chief of Police George Lingo to close all slot machines and mechanical dice games immediately.

This puts out of business some fifty booth concessionaires who are using mechanical dice-throwing devices. At these places one could pay a nickel and toss dice by machine for chickens, or pay 10 cents and toss for turkeys. Now there'll be no more tossing by machine.

Neither can any one use any slot machine for the sale of chewing gum or other articles.

## Illinois' Governor Flays Sex Hygiene in Schools

Springfield, Ill.—Governor Edward F. Dunne is unqualifiedly opposed to the teaching of sex hygiene and eugenics in the public schools. In a letter to President Edmund J. James of the University of Illinois Governor Dunne says in part: "I honestly fear that if sex hygiene be taught in the schools and young boys and young girls are made aware of things which may be taught in the line of sex hygiene it may create in their young minds a prurient curiosity which will induce, rather than suppress, immorality and unchastity."

## Bunko Woman Escapes Prison by Returning Victim's Coin

Oakland.—Marie Vera Cruz, declared to be a member of a bunko ring, was sentenced to ten years in state prison by Judge Murphey, and sentence was suspended on her promise to make restitution to her victim, Alfonso Jose de Silva da Alfonso.

When the proposition of making restitution was made to her she at first absolutely refused to enter into any such agreement. It was found that she had considerable property, and was amply able to refund to Alfonso.

Still she refused to take the chance for liberty, and she was told that unless she evinced a different attitude she would be sentenced to prison. Judge Murphey was moved to sympathy because the woman had a number of small children who required her attention and from time to time postponed a disposition of her case. It was finally reported to him that the woman had changed her mind and probation was granted.

Alfonso, the victim, had \$1200 of his savings buried in a can in his yard. Mrs. Vera Cruz learned of it and prevailed upon him to turn the money over to her for safe-keeping.

## Farmers War on Jackrabbits

Pendleton, Or.—Farmers of the Cold Springs and Juniper country have purchased one mile of thirty-inch wire and will erect a central corral, into which jackrabbits are to be driven. The corral is to be moved after each drive, and it is expected that 300,000 jackrabbits will be killed this winter.

## Realty Agents Receive Hard Jolt from Pasadena Hotels

Pasadena.—A compliment to the energies of Pasadena real estate agents is contained in an order issued here by several of the city's larger hotels that registers be kept locked up hereafter. Only hotel employees, representatives of the law and guests will have access to the registers during the balance of the winter. Too much activity on the part of realty agents in trying to sell property to newly arrived guests is the reason for the order that the hotel registers be kept out of sight hereafter. The real estate men are said by one hotel man to approach new guests and endeavor to sell them either a lot or a home.

## Poisons Her Family to Be Free to Marry Affinity

Little Valley, N. Y.—Mrs. Cynthia Buffum and Ernest Frahm, a young farm hand, were indicted and arraigned here on charges of murder in the first degree.

District Attorney George W. Cole said Mrs. Buffum had made a confession in which she admitted administering poison to her husband, Willis Buffum, and her four children, so that she might be free to marry Frahm. Buffum died August 27th.

One of the children, Laura, 10 years old, is still critically ill. The others are slowly recovering. Frahm and Mrs. Buffum pleaded not guilty and were remanded to the county jail.

## Historic White House Mint Bed Has Been Destroyed

Washington.—What has become of the historic White House mint bed? No one seems to know; nor who gave the order that led to its disappearance.

Andrew Jackson is said to have planted it and no President since that time has touched it, except to pull the richly flavored twigs and leaves from the branches of the plants. During all the changes in the White House buildings and grounds it has survived.

But the place where it grew is covered with fresh earth and there is not a twig or a sprig or apparently a root of it in existence. The bed was within a few feet of the cabinet-room and not far from the President's offices.

## Babe Carries Safety Pin in Stomach for Two Months

Oroville.—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sanders of Durham has a stomach of iron and thrives as well on safety pins as it does on baby food. The child swallowed an open safety pin in Oakland two months ago while the mother was dressing it.

The baby was 8 months old when it swallowed the nursery commodity.

Dr. Ed. L. Meyers attended the infant a few days ago and found it in the best possible condition, suffering no inconvenience from the pin or its point. The safety pin was badly corroded, clearly indicating the length of time it had been in the stomach.

## Even Skunk Farms Are Not Safe From Robbers' Visits

Warrensburg, Mo.—Johnson county has produced the last word in theft. It is the plundering of skunk farms. Since the fur of this animal has grown valuable many farmers are rearing them. Mason Strik, a farmer near Knobnoster, had a corral which contained 100 of the little animals.

He went hunting and when he returned he found his corral had been visited by thieves. The animals lay near by, denuded of their skins.

James Huffaker, another farmer, recently lost sixty skunks through theft. The robbers have realized several hundred dollars.

## Faces Lawsuit Because He Would Not Quit Cigarettes

Oakland.—Charles A. Appledorn, Jr., son of a wealthy liquor dealer, is to be driven to the financial wall by his father, Charles A. Appledorn, because he broke an agreement entered into a year ago to refrain from smoking cigarettes for a period of one year. The father has sued the son to recover more than \$1000 he advanced him and has placed attachments on his real estate.

## Philippine Officials Will Not Take Salary Reductions

Manila.—Many officials of the Philippine government threaten to hand in their resignations in consequence of the passage by the Assembly of an appropriation bill by which economies amounting to \$2,000,000 in the government's expenditure are effected, chiefly by the reduction of salaries. It is expected that the Philippine Commission will modify the measure.

## WILSON MAPS OUT HIS TRUST FIGHT

### Tells Head of House Judiciary Committee What New Stat- utes Are Required

### Would Place Upon Defendant Bur- den of Proof to Show no Un- reasonable Trade Restraint

Washington.—President Wilson outlined his trust-busting plans and his remedial trust legislation to Chairman Clayton and to the House Judiciary Committee, which consulted him.

The measures to be advanced for action at this session will aim at the following results:

Definition of the various forms of monopoly and restraint of trade which would be "conclusively deemed" unreasonable and in violation of law.

Placing upon the defendant the burden of proof to show that there is no "unreasonable restraint of trade."

Prohibition of interlocking directorates between large corporations.

Establishment of an interstate trade commission, to exercise regulatory powers, make original investigations and aid the courts in carrying out decrees of dissolution of trusts.

The President does not believe that the New Jersey trust laws can be applied to the country. He is opposed to a government commission to execute the anti-trust laws.

He believes that personal penalties applied to those who violate the anti-trust laws will stop combinations and individuals from trying to establish monopolies and corners in markets.

He opposes any amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law because such amendment would throw that law again before the Supreme Court for interpretation, and three years would pass before there would be a ruling.

The President has asked the House Judiciary Committee to recommend legislation supplemental to the Sherman anti-trust law which shall embody the best provisions of the state laws against monopolies and combinations.

## Germans Also Have Their Troubles With Fake Wines

Berlin.—The Catholic clergy and the German Government have joined forces in condemning imitation wines. The Catholic bishop of Wuerzburg issued an edict to the clergy of his diocese warning them against the use of "cheap and deceptive substitutes for wine" in the communion, and at the same time the Government announced that it was about to assist the wine growers by making restrictive regulations concerning so-called temperance beverages. These, it says, are making heavy inroads on the sales of wines and consequently reducing the Government revenues.

## Prize-Winning Steers Sold by the Pound at Auction

Portland, Or.—The University of Idaho prize-winning steers were sold at auction at the International Live Stock Show, but the prices secured for them were a distinct disappointment to the owners. "Benefactor," the grand champion steer, brought 45 cents a pound, the Union Meat Company of Portland buying him. "Ike," the winner of the two-year-old class, for whom the University of Idaho a week ago refused 20 cents a pound, was sold for 17 cents a pound to a buyer for the Great Northern Railroad. Last year's grand champion was sold for \$1.20 a pound.

## Public Improvements Voted Down by Portland Citizens

Portland, Or.—Overwhelming defeat was the portion of fifteen measures placed before the voters of Portland at a special election. The measures included bond issues for a public market, park improvements and a municipal paving repair plant. One provided for the creation of a morals court and another was to authorize the hiring of a city engineer and a park superintendent who were to be non-residents. Several measures regarded as meritorious in themselves went down in the general crash.

## Elihu Root Awarded Noble Prize

Christiania, Norway.—The Nobel peace prize for 1912 was conferred on Senator Elihu Root of New York and that for 1913 on Senator Henri La Fontaine of Brussels, Belgium, who was formerly president of the Permanent International Peace Bureau of Berne, Switzerland. Each prize is worth \$40,000.



## SERIAL STORY

### The Chronicles of Addington Peace

By B. Fletcher Robinson

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## THE VANISHED MILLIONAIRE

(Continued.)

You, sir, sitting peacefully at home, with a good light and an easy conscience, may think I was a timid fool; yet I was afraid—honestly and openly afraid. The little detective heard the news of it in my voice, for he gave me a reassuring pat upon the back.

"Have you ever heard of a 'priest's hole'?" he whispered. "In the days when Meudon Hall was built, no country house was without its hiding-place. Protestants and priests, Royalists and Republicans, they all used the secret burrow at one time or another."

"How did he get in?"

"That is what we are here to discover; and as I have no wish to destroy Mr. Ford's old oak panels I think our simplest plan will be to wait until he comes back again."

The shadows leapt upon us as Peace extinguished the light he carried. The great window alone was luminous with the tracery of its ancient stonework; for the rest, the darkness hedged us about in impenetrable barriers. Side by side, we stood by the wall in which we knew the secret entrance must exist.

It may have been ten minutes or more when from the distance—some- where—there came the faint echo of a closing door. It was only in such close silence that we could have heard it. The time ticked on. Suddenly, upon the black of the floor, there shone a thin reflection like the slash of a sword—a reflection that grew into a broad gush of light as the sliding panel in the wall, six feet from where we stood, rose to the full opening. There followed another pause, during which I could see Peace draw himself together as if for some unusual exertion.

A shadow darkened the reflection on the floor, and a head came peering out. The light but half displayed the face, but I could see that the teeth were bare and glistening, like those of a man in some deadly expectation. The next moment he stepped across the threshold.

With a spring like the rush of a terrier, Addington Peace was upon him, driving him off his balance with the impact of the blow. One loud scream he gave that went echoing away into the distant corridors. But, before I could reach them, the little detective had him down, though he still kicked viciously until I lent a hand. The click of the handcuffs on his wrists ended the matter.

It was Ford's valet, the man Jackson. We were not long by ourselves. I heard a quick patter of naked feet from behind us, and Harbord, the secretary, came running up, swinging a heavy stick in his hand. Ransom followed close at his heels. They both stopped at the edge of the patch of light in which we were, staring from us to the gaping hole in the wall.

"What in thunder are you about?" cried the manager.

"Finding a solution to your problem," said the little detective, getting to his feet. "Perhaps, gentlemen, you will be good enough to follow me."

He stepped through the opening in the wall, and lifted the candle which the valet had placed on the floor whilst he was raising the panel from within. By its light I could see the first steps of a flight which led down into darkness.

"We will take Jackson with us," he continued. "Keep an eye on him, Mr. Phillips, if you please."

It was a strange procession that we made. First Peace, with the candle, then Ransom, with the valet following, while I and Harbord brought up the rear. We descended some thirty steps, formed in the thickness of the wall, opened a heavy door, and so found ourselves in a narrow chamber, some twelve feet long by seven broad. Upon a mattress at the further end lay a man, gagged and bound. As the light fell upon his features Ransom sprang forward, shouting his name.

"Silas Ford, by thunder!"

With eager fingers we loosened the gag and cut the ropes that bound his wrists. He sat up, turning his long, thin face from one to the other of us as he stretched the cramp from his limbs.

"Thank you, gentlemen," said he. "Well, Ransom, how are things?"

"Bad, sir; but it's not too late."

He nodded his head, passing his

hands through his hair with a quick, nervous movement.

"You've caught my clever friend, I see. Kindly go through his pockets, will you? He has something I must ask him to return to me."

We found it in Jackson's pocket-book—a cheque, antedated a week, for five thousand pounds, with a covering letter to the manager of the bank. Ford took the bit of stamped paper, twisting it to and fro in his supple fingers.

"It was smart of you, Jackson," he said, addressing the bowed figure before him. "I give you credit for the idea. To kidnap a man just as he was bringing off a big deal—well, you would have earned the money."

"But how did you get down here?" struck in the manager.

"He told me that he had discovered an old hiding-place—a 'priest's hole' he called it, and I walked into the trap as the best man may do sometimes. As we got to the bottom of that stairway he slipped a sack over my head, and had me fixed in thirty seconds. He fed me himself twice a day, standing by to see I didn't holla. When I paid up he was to have twenty-four hours' start; then he would let you know where I was. I held out awhile, but I gave in tonight. The delay was getting too dangerous. Have you a cigarette, Harbord? Thank you. And who may you be?"

It was to the detective he spoke.

"My name is Peace, Inspector Addington Peace, from Scotland Yard."

"And I owe my rescue to you?"

The little man bowed.

"You will have no reason to regret it. And what did you think had become of me, Inspector?"

"It was the general opinion that you had taken to yourself wings, Mr. Ford."

It was as we traveled up to town next day that Peace told me his story. I will set it down as briefly as may be.

"I soon came to the conclusion that Ford, whether dead or alive, was inside the grounds of Meudon Hall. If he had bolted, for some reason, by-the-way, which was perfectly incomprehensible, a man of his ability would not have left a broad trail across the center of his lawn for all to see. There was, moreover, no trace of him that our men could ferret out at any station within reasonable distance. A motor was possible, but there were no marks of its presence next morning in the slush of the roads. That fact I learnt from a curious groom who had aided in the search, and who, with a similar idea upon him, had carefully examined the highway at daybreak."

"When I clambered to the top of the wall I found that the snow upon the roof had been melted. I traced the marks, as you saw, for about a dozen yards. Where they end-

ed I, too, dropped to the ground outside. There I made a remarkable discovery. Upon a little drift of snow that lay in the shallow ditch beneath were more footprints. But they were not those of Ford. They were the marks of long and narrow boots, and led into the road, where they were lost in the track of a flock of sheep that had been driven over it the day before."

"I took a careful measurement of those footprints. They might, of course, belong to some private investigator; but they gave me an idea. Could some man have walked across the lawn in Ford's boots, changed them to his own on the top of the wall, and so departed? Was it the desire of some one to let it be supposed that Ford had run away?"

"When I examined Ford's private rooms I was even more fortunate. From the bootbox I discovered that the master had three pairs of shooting-boots. There were three pairs in the stand. Some one had made a very serious mistake. Instead of hiding the pair he had used on the lawn, he had returned them to their place. The trick was becoming evident. But where was Ford? In the house or grounds, dead or alive, but where?"

"I was able, through my friend the bootbox, to examine the boots on the night of our arrival. My measurements corresponded with those that Jackson, the valet, wore. Was he acting for himself, or was Harbord, or even Ransom, in the secret? That, too, it was necessary to discover before I showed my hand."

"Your story of Harbord's midnight excursion supplied a clue. The secretary had evidently followed some man who had disappeared mysteriously. Could there be the entrance to a secret chamber in that corridor? That would explain the mystification of Harbord as well as the disappearance of Silas Ford. If so Harbord was not involved."

"If Ford were held a prisoner he must be fed. His gaoler must of necessity remain in the house. But the trap I set in the suggested journey to town was an experiment singularly unsuccessful, for all the three men I desired to test refused. However, if I were right about the secret chamber I could checkmate the blackmailer by keeping a watch on him from your room, which commanded the line of communications. But Jackson was clever enough to leave his victimizing to the night-time. I scattered the flour to try the result of that ancient trick. It was successful. That is all. Do you follow me?"

"Yes," said I; "but how did Jackson come to know the secret hiding-place?"

"He has long been a servant of the house. He had, before he was old-

## WHAT FOR BREAKFAST?

### OPINIONS ON THE SUBJECT WIDELY DIVERGENT.

Bacon and Eggs Seem to Be a Universal Favorite—Some Regard Fish as Indispensable, and Some Eat Nothing.

Readers may remember that some time ago a correspondent asked when bacon and eggs first became generally a breakfast dish in the United States. There were many answers to this question, and learning and ingenuity were displayed, but the information was not definite; it was of the digestive order. We were reminded of this by reading that a boycott of bacon for a fortnight had been suggested in England to lower the price and that the keeper of a boarding house at Margate protested, saying that his boarders would "hunger-strike" if there was no bacon at breakfast. The Daily Chronicle remarked apropos: "It is not so long since bacon has been in vogue for breakfast. We learn from Macaulay that the fare served in 1831 at Rogers' breakfast parties—the most famous on record—consisted of 'very good coffee, very good tea and very good eggs, butter left in the midst of ice, and hot rolls.'" When did orange marmalade first come into fashion for breakfast?

Fear not, suspicious souls; we have no intention of talking about breakfast foods and whether man should eat breakfast or go till noon on a glass of water and two or three English walnuts. Yet we cannot refrain from mentioning the fact that some regard fish as indispensable. We have already quoted Leigh Hunt's views concerning the furnishing of a breakfast table. Hunt insisted on something potted. Doctor Follett in Crochet Castle approved chocolate, coffee, tea, cream, eggs, ham, tongue, cold fowl, but he described fish as the touchstone. Anchovy is the first step, prawns and shrimps the second, potted char and lampreys are the third, and a fine stretch of progression. But lobster is indeed matter for a May morning, and demands a rare combination of knowledge and virtue in him who sets it off.

We met a young man at a country house last week who had much to say about temperate living and hardening of the arteries. No sooner had he taken his seat at the breakfast table than he began to talk in a thin voice about his morning habits. "At home I drink two glasses after I arise, and for breakfast I take a soft-boiled egg, fruit in season, and a small piece of

more intoxicating to me than three glasses of whisky would be. If I should eat the ordinary breakfast my brain would feel clogged and I should not be able to write either in prose or verse." We observed young Mr. Smithers and this was his breakfast:

A good-sized melon, two pears and a peach; hominy with blueberries, thickly sugared and with much cream; two eggs on toast, with bacon; corn muffins galore; two large cups of coffee. "When I visit," said Mr. Smithers, "I change my manner of life lest I might seem to reflect on my hostess' table, but I assure you the simpler the fare the happier and healthier I am. Michael, I think I'll have another egg."—Exchange.

### Eggs Croak at Hatching Time.

You may have heard an egg "peek" just before the chick emerged, but unless you have had much familiarity with crocodiles it is unlikely that you have ever heard one croak. Dr. W. A. Lamborn, an English scientist and explorer, relates that at Lagos, on the western coast of Africa, he heard a low, croaking noise below a dry path and, on digging to investigate the cause, found thirteen crocodile's eggs at a depth of about eighteen inches. These were croaking vigorously, and within half an hour all of them had hatched.

Doctor Voeltzkow in 1899 was the first naturalist to mention the croaking of crocodiles' eggs. He said that in Madagascar the unhatched crocodiles can be heard croaking from a depth of about six feet, and that any shock, such as a heavy tread on the ground above them, caused the babies to utter this strange sound, "with the mouth closed, as we produce hiccupping sounds." They do this to inform their mothers that they are ready to hatch. The female crocodiles, on hearing the sound, visit the nest and scratch away the earth with which it is covered.

### Hot Baths Are Bracing.

The usual objection to hot baths is that the bather takes cold, unless he goes straight to bed as soon as he has dried himself. Otherwise, so they say, he goes on perspiring and takes a chill. Now this is due not to having had a hot bath, but because the water was not hot enough when the bather got out of it. Hot water has the same effect as cold in bracing up the sweat continuing to pour out unnecessary perspiration.

Luke warm water, on the other hand, leaves the skin lax and moist, and it is then that people are liable to chills. The best temperature at which to take a hot bath is 100 degrees Fahrenheit, or just below that. If more water is added afterward it should be hot, not cold, so as to maintain the temperature at the same level. With the aid of these precautions it will be found that drying is a simple process and the skin is left in a delightful state without any undue perspiration to follow.

## Draped Skirts and Color Combinations



**S**KIRTS for daytime and ordinary wear are draped, but the draping is achieved in cutting the material and in shaping the skirt to the figure rather than in the addition of extra pieces of goods. But for evening wear with airy and clinging fabrics, that weigh nothing, to deal with, the designs pose two or three materials and several colors together. This is done without making the skirt cumbersome in the least.

Diaphanous draperies of this kind result in the most illusive and fascinating color effects. One color glows through another, and with the movement of the body in walking or dancing several colors are revealed by themselves and in ever changing combinations.

Nothing but thin fabrics can be used in this way. One makes a mistake to drape a medium weight or heavy fabric in any but the simplest manner. The result can only be clumsy.

Skirts for day wear cut along the newest lines produce the "top" figure, with broad lines at the hips narrowing down to the smallest dimensions at the feet. They are somewhat shorter, too, than in the early season. Smartness attends the wearer of these eccentric lines, if she be slender. The stout woman must forego them.

But for the slender or the heavy figure, long lines of drapery, like those shown in the picture, are becoming.

## INDIVIDUAL TASTE THE ONLY GUIDE FOR THE GIRL

**G**IRLDES vary so much in width that it is difficult to decide upon an average by which to make comparisons. From Oriental sashes that swathe the figure half-way to the knees and up to the bust, to rather narrow flat belts with hanging ends for wear with cloth dresses, one may find girdles and in all the widths between. A girdle four and a half inches wide is about a standard in present styles.

In the picture of fancy girdles shown here very wide ribbons are



employed. The plain girdle is stayed with feather bone at the front, back and sides, but those in the wider brocade ribbon are placed only at the ends. There is a buckle made of buckram covered with velvet for confining the shallow loops at the end of the brocade girdle. The ribbon is heavy and does not need bone stays, but is pinned to the bodice after it is adjusted to the figure.

A broad satin ribbon, in a heavy weight, is laid in five plaits for the dressy girdle, finished with ribbon roses. The plaits are tacked with stitches on the wrong side, which are

Beads and heavy tassels, beaded passanterie and touches of the gorgeous in gold and silver laces are used on all varieties of gowns, but are most happily placed on dinner and evening toilettes. A bit of finery in embroidery quite changes the character of an ordinary dress. What with the ever-present girle and draped skirts, clever dresses are able to make one skirt do duty for various occasions. By arranging a train so that it can be draped up on the skirt, making it round, and by two or three separate bodies, one may manage variety with out much trouble. This is a great convenience for the tourist. Extra tunics and long scarf draperies used over a skirt and girle do wonderful transformations.

Black tulle is the softest and most delicate of materials, for a skirt to be worn with several waists or tunics. One may arrange to be either quietly or elaborately gowned, according to one's taste, by these means.

The spangled scarf and the corsage rose are great favorites at the moment. But the feature of features for on which fashion appears to concentrate attention, is the wonderful development of tassels and beads in decoration. A beaded drapery, which seems to me merely a scarf wrapped about the figure, shown here in the picture, demonstrates how effectively and cleverly the draping is done.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

invisible on the outside. Millinery stems and foliage are mounted with the roses. The roses are in three shades of pink and rose, made of narrow, heavy satin ribbon. This is not a novelty in girdles, but is a persistent fashion in a good design. It is one of the very prettiest of designs along this line and is nearly a stable thing in fashions as we have had for several years.

Besides the plain and brocade ribbons those showing fancy stripes—and those with metallic threads, are employed in girdles that harmonize with the present fashions in gowning. The brocades in supple silks hold first place and lend a touch of splendor to otherwise unpretentious little gowns. One should study the possibilities in girdles along this line.

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**Washable Cover.**

A broom cover has been designed that is washable, removable (the upper part being made of cheesecloth and the bottom of cotton plush) and fits any ordinary size of broom, says Good Housekeeping. It is designed for sweeping hard wood and painted floors, matting, walls and ceilings. The plush has the property of absorbing a certain amount of dust and lessens scattering. The cover may be washed as frequently as desired.

**Aprons for Children.**

Tan cotton aprons, bound with bias strips of pink or blue lawn, and stamped with a simple design to be embroidered in outline stitch, are sold for forty-nine cents. They are for children.

They are cut on all enveloping lines and would make admirable play aprons. There are deep pockets across the bottom and straps that button on the shoulders.

**Fashion Fads.**

The butterfly bow is still dominant even on the evening gown, and it appears in odd places. Another novelty is the scarf sleeve, which is a dainty addition to an evening gown. The sleeves are short and made of chiffon, which is continued from the underseam in long scarf ends caught loosely at the waist.



## DOLL-MAKING AN INDIAN ART

Marvelous Miniatures Are Those Turned Out by Clever Aborigines of Mexico.

It is thought that the tiniest dolls are those made by Mexican Indians. They are barely three-fourths of an inch long in many cases, but are nevertheless perfect in detail.

The method of manufacture is as follows: First there is a diminutive framework of wire. This is then wound with fine silk thread until the proper figure has been secured. The costumes are then cut according to the character of the doll, and fitted to it.

With needles that can scarcely be held in the fingers, needles of which the eyes are almost invisible, various designs are embroidered on the dolls' clothes with the finest of silk threads. So cleverly do the Indians execute these designs that even through a powerful glass the details appear to be perfect, although the work is accomplished without the aid of any enlarging device.

Once properly dressed, the doll is given its hair. Even to the details of braids and ribbons this work is carried out. Then there are formed the eyes, nose, mouth, hands and feet.

In Mexico these dolls are sold for ridiculously small sums. It takes about two hours of painstaking labor to make one of the simplest of the manikins.

Some dolls are provided with tiny baskets of flowers, fancy sombreros, water jars and other paraphernalia. The baskets are made of hair by the Indians of Guanajuato. The bits of pottery are made of clay, in exact imitation of the practical sites. All these accessories are sewed to the dolls.

Miniature roses are embroidered in the costumes of the dancing girls and ornaments are arranged in their hair. Wreaths of flowers are hung about the shoulders and the arms are formed in graceful and life-like attitudes of dancing. The matador is complete in every particular—his costume being gayly decorated in many colors, the hair dressed in true Spanish fashion, including the conventional queue.

### How She Knew.

Mrs. Shopper—How do you like my new oriental rug?

Mrs. Hopper (scanning the rug critically)—Are you sure it is oriental?

Mrs. Shopper—Sure! Why, I stood by just as it was being finished by a Turk or an Armenian or a Persian—I don't know which.—Judge.

## MADE AN UNEXPECTED HIT

Mark Sheridan, With an Act Not on the Bill, Convulsed an English Audience.

One often has amusing experiences, the humor of which only strikes one afterward. Such a one occurred to me a number of years ago, at a very small hall in the provinces, where the stage accommodation was so limited and of such a primitive kind that some of us had to use the back of the stage as a dressing room, our ablutions after the show being sometimes performed in a common or garden bucket placed on a chair. One night—it was winter, and the audience was almost as chilly as the weather—I had finished my turn, and, stripped to the waist, was "abutting" violently in the old tin basin, when somebody made a mistake, and instead of lowering the curtain, the back sheet was pulled up, disclosing me to view.

As I had my back in that direction, I did not at first realize what had happened, and, hearing shrieks of laughter, I remarked, through the folds of the towel in which my face was buried:

"My word, somebody's making a hit!"

Getting no reply, I looked up, to discover that my erstwhile companions had vanished, and that, with dripping mane, I was standing in full view of the audience!

I was pressed very much, immediately afterward, to enter for the hundred yards in the following year's theatrical sports, as it was thought that I might establish a record.—Mark Sheridan, in Strand Magazine.

### Profession of Motherhood.

It is a difficult profession—this profession of motherhood. In the animal kingdom, as the offspring grow older, the parents withdraw their ministrations, but in the human family the older the children grow the more diplomacy and enthusiasm is needed by the ruling spirits. When the boys begin to get unruly and the girls begin to get silly—as the husband gets less ready to make an effort and more willing to sit quietly by the fire in the evening—then it is that many a family drifts apart. But the mother can have no holiday. She must always be on tap. The only difference is that as the children grow older she must pretend that it is they and not she who are managing affairs.—Agnes Edwards Rothery, in the Home Progress Magazine.



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## ADVOCATES A SYSTEM OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

The idea of National Highways, built and maintained entirely by the government, has no stauncher advocate than Judge J. M. Lowe, of Kansas City, Mo. Judge Lowe, who is Vice-President of the National Highways Association, and President of the National Old Trails Road Association, the National Old Trails Road Department of the National Highways Association, does not believe that good results can be effected by what is known as "federal aid" or "national aid"; least of all, by that form of aid which proposes that the government appropriations should be spent not on main roads but on roads radiating from railroad stations.

In an open letter to Governor Major of Missouri, Judge Lowe says:

"If fifty million dollars were appropriated annually it would average about one million to each State if distributed equally.

"If Missouri should get one million dollars and should distribute it equally to every county throughout the State, she could build about four-fifths of a mile of hard surfaced road in each county.

"But there are those in Congress (I don't think they are to be found elsewhere), who seem to have a vague notion that the thing to do is to "make the railroad depot the hub, and radiate from that point to reach the farmer's produce; but let's see how that would work.

"In a great many countries there are several lines of railroad. Who will decide which line to prefer? If all lines are to be treated equally, what would the result be?

"Take Missouri, for example. She has an average of, say, ten depots in each county. If each county can build only four-fifths of a mile out of each fifty million dollar appropriation, then each depot would get two twenty-fifths of a mile annually, if appropriations were kept up.

"At that rate it would take twelve and one-half years to get one mile of road out from each depot.

"The average haul in Missouri is nine miles, so it would take 112 years to build one road out from each depot to meet the requirements of an average haul, and to radiate in only four directions would take 448 years if an appropriation of fifty million dollars were made annually.

"What is the reasonable thing to do?

"And how are we to get roads?

"If fifty million dollars is appropriated annually for only six years and applied to a system of National Highways it will build thirty thousand miles at an average cost of \$10,000 per mile. I believe that this is a reasonable estimate.

"This system could be made to furnish an average of two trunk lines across each State and across the continent, and all connected with national capital."

### GUESS WHO—

Guess who has a new girl in Niles.

Guess who has been limping around town for the last two weeks.

Guess who meets him at the post-office every afternoon.

Guess who got "stewed" last Sunday afternoon.

Guess who will be at the dance next Sunday afternoon.

Guess who is going to be married from the Essanay Company.

Guess who loves Niles Canyon scenery.

Guess who loves a girl in San Francisco who was recently here.

Guess who got his old girl back again.

After the first rain, guess who will get stuck in the mud sidewalk on Main Street?

Guess who didn't want that hobo arrested.

Guess who wants a girl and can't get one.

Guess who took his girl out horse-back riding.

Who came near being late at the opening of the Gaity? No, it wasn't "Pat."

Prof. C. Allen Dealey, photo chemist of the Essanay Film Company of Niles, is responsible for this: "What two letters in the alphabet make the best moving pictures?"

### WANTED

The Essex Lumber company require a few more girls for assorting lead pencil material.



Arrivals at Hotel Wesley for the week were: H. Bell, San Francisco; Frank Almasy, Sig. E. Hirsch, Oakland; J. Fenton, Chicago; C. E. Church, Berkeley; B. E. McFadden, F. Halley, J. Halley, San Francisco; Wm. Coleman Elam, Niles; Robt. S. Silvey, H. A. Healy, A. C. Hughes, Bert Ryneason, Fred McBride, Mrs. Hickey, San Francisco; Mrs. C. C. Compton, Oakland; Wm. Moyer, Ripon; Mrs. A. F. Watt, San Francisco; Miss Alice Dougherty, San Francisco; H. J. Blair, Spokane; F. Dolan, J. Larkins, S. Lydiard, Modesto; L. D. Stoppel, San Jose.

Arrivals at the Niles Hotel: Mr. Johnson, Oakland; Wm. M. Obrien, Pajaro; C. Wickberg, Oakland; Barlow Morris, E. H. Metzner, Niles; Mrs. T. W. Schuthoft, Oakland; Mr. Curran, San Francisco; W. Snyder, H. Simons, Niles; I. A. McHenry, A. C. Adams, P. O. Hara, San Francisco; Jack Maloney, Niles; F. C. Nunes, New York; Jack Keog, San Francisco.

Arrivals at the Hotel Belvoir: H. Trautner, A. Kerr, H. Saxe, San Francisco; Victor La Grave, L. Pratt, Miss Minnie Silver, Hayward; Miss Harriet Corliss, Miss Grace Hilborn, Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Spence, J. C. Spence, Alameda; Al Brullard, H. W. Jackson, Wm. Bodie, San Francisco; G. Gustafson, H. Gustafson, Oakland; M. J. Callanan, San Francisco; Mr. Wilbert, Hayward; Dr. Chas. A. Young, Berkeley; B. H. Brainard, Oakland; F. W. Hackett, Palo Alto; A. W. Burr, Hayward; A. G. Wilkins, San Jose; J. W. McGaha, San Francisco.

The Rev. R. G. Harbutt of Berkeley will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church next Sunday morning for Christmas services, and also special music will be given by the choir.

Mrs. W. P. Teeters of Niles and her mother Mrs. J. R. Bennet of Livermore, went on a business trip to San Francisco Wednesday.

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The season's rainfall up to and including Thursday, December 10, 1913, was 3.53 inches. The twenty-four

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## County Auditor Is Doing Good Work

The County Auditor is mailing a warrant of reclaim for refund on personal property unsecured by real estate for the year 1913, and has forwarded to the Register the following communication:

OAKLAND, CAL., Dec. 18th, 1913.  
The Township Register,  
Niles, Cal.

Gentlemen: There is an excess for Centerville, Newark, Irvington, Warm Springs, Decoto and Niles for the year 1913 in the personal property roll for personal property unsecured by real estate.

I am mailing a warrant direct to each person who has a claim for refund on account of this excess. The law does not compel me to do this and it is considerable work, but I am doing it to accommodate the taxpayers and am the first auditor who has done it.

Miss Ruth Shinn of North Fork, is expected at her grandmother's home in Niles for the holidays.

Miss Estep of Oakland is stopping with Miss Millicent Shinn.

Mrs. McClellan, who makes her home on the Shinn place is visiting in Oregon.

Mrs. L. E. Thane has been seen on our roads this week taking lessons from a chauffeur in driving her new Cadillac five passenger.

Mrs. Schofield entertained a few friends at her Belyoir cottage on Thursday evening.

### INQUEST HELD ON DOCTOR SULLIVAN'S DEATH

An inquest was held Monday in the case of Dr. Sullivan, who died a week ago last Wednesday.

The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of suicide by the use of cyanide of potassium.

Those sitting on the jury were: Wm. Moore, John Walpert, Andrew Kell, Chas. Laws, Geo. Darrow, Joe Silva, Geo. Rose, and Dan Griffin.

### LEGAL ADVERTISING.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 22nd day of December, 1913, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the city of Oakland, California, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of Joseph S. Dutra to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Mission San Jose in Mission San Jose Election Precinct.

JOHN P. COOK,  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
Dated Oakland, California, December 1, 1913.  
12-1-13-20

#### Order to Show Cause.

Order to Show Cause Why Order of Sale of Real Estate should Not Be Made.

In the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda, No. 16268.

In the Matter of the Estate of Manuel Francisco Costa, who was also known as Manuel F. Costa and also as M. F. Costa, deceased.

Joe Marianni and Manuel D. Silva, the executors of the last will and testament of Manuel Francisco Costa, who was also known as Manuel F. Costa and also as M. F. Costa, deceased, having filed herein their verified petition praying for an order of sale of real estate; that it is necessary to sell the whole or some portion of the real estate belonging to the estate of said deceased to pay the debts outstanding against the said deceased and the debts, expenses and charges of administration, accrued and to accrue.

It is therefore ordered that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased appear before said Superior Court on Tuesday the 13th, day of January 1914, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Court Room of said Court, Department No. 4 at the Court House, in the city of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, then there to show cause why an order should not be granted to the said executors to sell all or so much of said real estate as shall be necessary, and that a copy of this order be published four successive weeks in "The Township Register" a news paper of general circulation printed and published in the said County of Alameda.

I, W. HARRIS,  
Judge of said Superior Court,  
Endorsed: Filed December 12, 1913.

JOHN P. COOK, County Clerk.  
By F. N. Heaner, Deputy Clerk.

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the estate of Jose S. Andrade, who was also known as Jose Silveira da Andrade, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of the above named deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the law office of Jno. G. Mattos, Jr., at Centerville, Alameda County, California, said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Jose S. Andrade, who was also known as Jose Silveira da Andrade, deceased.

Dated December 8, 1913.

J. S. ANDRADE, JR.  
Administrator of the estate of Jose S. Andrade, who was also known as Jose Silveira da Andrade, deceased.

Jno. G. Mattos, Jr., attorney for administrator, Centerville, Calif.

Date of first publication December 13, 1913.

#### NOTICE TO NON-CONSENTING LAND OWNERS.

Proposed abandonment of a portion of Grove street, Washington Township, Alameda County, California.

Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 29th day of December, 1913, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day, at the rooms of the board of supervisors of the county of Alameda, in the annex to the hall of records, in the city of Oakland, county of Alameda, state of California, have been fixed as the time and place for hearing the report of viewers presented and filed 8th day of December, 1913, in the matter of the proposed abandonment of a portion of Grove street, in Washington Township, county of Alameda, state of California.

The following is a description of the portion of said road proposed to be abandoned:

All that portion of Grove street, 80 feet in width lying between Bane Avenue and Wells Avenue as said street and avenues are delineated and so designated on that certain map entitled "Map of the Town of Newark, Alameda County, Cal." etc., and filed in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, May 6, 1878, and being in Washington Township, County of Alameda, State of California.

That Alameda county has a easement in said road; that the length of the road proposed to be abandoned is 541.7 feet.

That the width of the street proposed to be abandoned is 80 feet.

Notice is further given that at said time and place the board of supervisors will hear the evidence offered by parties interested for or against the proposed abandonment of said portion of said road and will ascertain and by order declare the amount of damage awarded to non-consenting land

owners affected by said abandonment of said county road, and declare the board of viewers to be approved or rejected in whole or in part.

JOHN P. COOK,  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, California.  
Dated December 8, 1913.  
12-13-20-27.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

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ANTONIO S. MILLO  
to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Alvarado in Alvarado election precinct.

JOHN P. COOK,  
Clerk of the board of supervisors.  
Dated Oakland, Cal., December 8, 1913.



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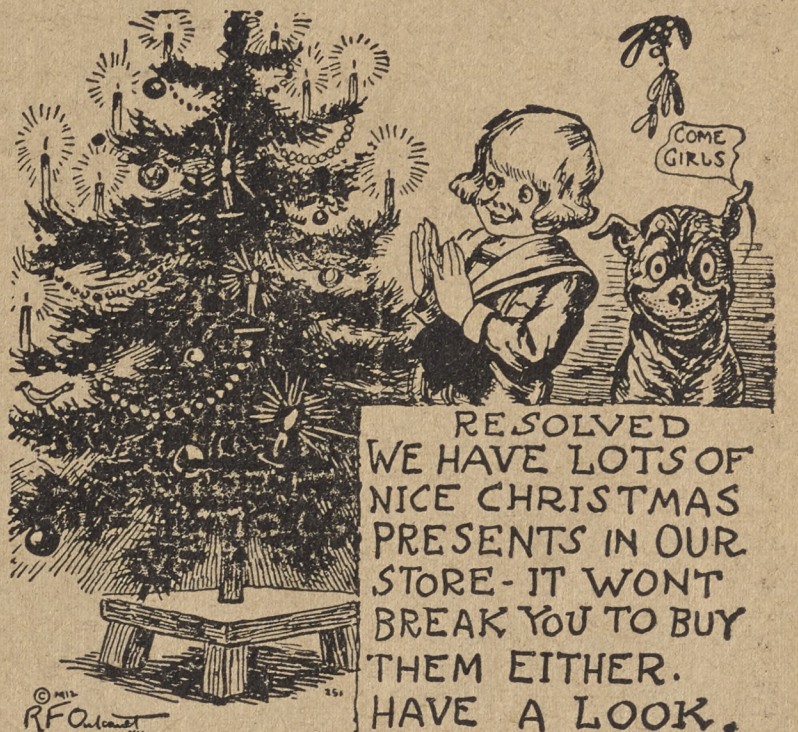
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In many homes the same customs are followed year after year at Christmas. Thus in one home, where there are always visitors for the holidays, an enormous square wicker hamper, which has done service in the same capacity for twenty years, is brought from the storeroom and placed in the general hall. Festive holly wreaths are tied to the handles and to the top with big red bows, giving it a decidedly holiday appearance. As gifts arrive they go at once into the hamper. On Christmas morning, after breakfast, the father of the family opens the hamper and with fitting ceremony and humorous remarks distributes the gifts.

A large bag resembling a mail pouch and made of brown and tan denim with "U. S. Mail" marked in large black letters on it hangs each Christmas season near the fireplace in the large living room of another house. Into this are slipped family presents and those sent by outsiders. The leather strap which fastens the bag is regarded as sacred and no one would think of tampering with Santa Claus's property till Christmas morning.

A huge red Christmas stocking, large enough to hold all the family gifts, makes its annual appearance in a western home. It is constructed of a firm bright red cotton cloth and a barrel hoop encircles the top, holding it open. It is suspended by wide red ribbons from the second floor stairs landing and before Christmas boxes and packages of all sizes and kinds are dropped in from above. On Christmas morning the family gathers beneath this well filled receptacle, which is lowered and dragged by the ribbons into the center of the living room, where the contents are distributed.

Several years ago, the young daughter of another family established a little custom which is still carried out each Christmas eve. On large red placards, hung with red ribbons, she writes with phosphorus the names of the different members of the family. These she places about the room. The mother's card hangs over the piano, on which her gifts are to be laid. Over the library table is suspended the father's card, designating the gifts to be placed there.

Art, etc., are other things assigned to other members of the family. Late Christmas eve all the lights, except a dim flicker in the hall, are extinguished, the armfuls of presents are brought down and by means of the bright signs the gifts are put in their proper places.

For the past ten years, a miniature sleigh, drawn by six papier mache reindeer has appeared on the Christmas breakfast table of a New England family. Surrounding Jolly Little St. Nick, who, seated in the sleigh, holds the red lines, are piled the choice gifts, those that fit into small packages, such as jewelry and money. The boxes are opened before breakfast is served and the Christmas tree festivities come later in the morning.

A pretty custom observed by several musical families is for the entire household to come downstairs together early in the morning singing Christmas carols.

In some homes the celebration begins on Christmas eve. At a country place near New York the custom is to have a small tree hung with joke gifts in the center of the dining room table. Piled about the tree is the collection of substantial worth while remembrances. After the latter have been distributed, the family and house guests adjourn to the main room, which is hung with garlands of holly and mistletoe. Then the Yule log is brought in and laid on the andirons of the big fireplace. The lights from the blaze and from numerous candles furnish the only illumination. While the gifts are taken from the miniature tree and the attached sentiments read, steaming punch is served and the health of Santa Claus is drunk.

## ONE THING LACKING.



"Oh, Kitty! if we only had a piece of candy to put on it, wouldn't it be just lovely!"

## A YEAR OF PLenty.

The Christmas trees nod in the breeze; The candy from them drops. And folks declare they'll surely bear The heaviest of crops.

—Philadelphia Bulletin.



# A Christmas Derelict

By Viola Justin

THE boat pointed its nose to

and a desperate struggle to keep his feet on the globe had frayed its edges.

No, he determined to go back there honorably, as he had left. He might get a job shoveling snow—but alas! it was one of those cheerless Christmas-masses, and nature had not even supplied the people out of work with snow to shovel.

Mulcahy had worked all his life. He was fifty now, and, as he unrolled the long catalogue of calamity which other people might have called his career, he found that the only year of his life that had been a happy one was his last in jail.

These thoughts and the haunting smell of hops brought Mulcahy to Fourth avenue and a saloon. It was twelve o'clock, and, corned beef and cabbage-leaf being slated for lunch on a blackboard under a Satyrish-looking book and a life-sized "schooner," determined the man, and he stepped inside.

The story will move much more rapidly if we do not follow Mulcahy and wait for him to get his bearings.

At the prow turned his back on freedom and gazed longingly at the graystone penitentiary, which seemed to be slipping away from him and growing smaller and cozier as distance lent the enchantment of perspective to his loneliness. For Mulcahy, dazzled by liberty, was very lonely indeed. Every moment that the water widened between him and the prison it lessened the distance from the city, and in two minutes more the man knew that the metropolis, bristling with antagonism, cold and strange and busy with its holiday season, would be upon him, and it filled his heart with a nameless dread.

But, after all, he had only himself to blame for his liberty. "Good behavior"—that was the thing that had turned him loose from a comfortable home, three square meals a day, and his companions of the quarry.

If he had only transgressed a few laws, broken a simple rule or two, all might have been well. He might have eaten Christmas dinner with Jerry the Spike, Bottles, Hank and the whole rappy crew who had contrived to spend another Christmas in the "pen" through trifling indiscretions committed in defiance of the keepers.

These reflections were interrupted by the sharp teeth of the wind snapping at his legs through the thin trousers and the threadbare coat. He shivered as the boat docked, and then took a long breath as he walked up the gangplank and out into—was this freedom striking terror to his soul?

He was only free to go anywhere; but these people had their homes to go to, each his separate "penitentiary," where there were warmth and food and human things to talk to.

He shut his eyes for an instant and started bravely up the hilly street that led to First avenue. Then suddenly a strange thing happened. He forgot his misery and his wretched homesickness. At first he couldn't realize what the influence was, then he recognized the soothing and thirst-inspiring smell of hops that poured over him like a hot breath from the brewery on the next street. This prompted a thought which was immediately followed by a sharp movement.

Mulcahy minded him of the faded five-dollar bill he had in his pocket, the last bounty of the good home across the river. He pulled it out and looked at it.

It represented two weeks and a half of life; that is, he calculated that while he was looking for a job it would provide food and shelter for him. If he couldn't find a job—but that thought ended with a look toward the river; and again he saw the "pen," and another thought occurred to him.

If he didn't find anything to do, he could go back to the "pen" and beg them to take him in. No, he couldn't do that. He squared his ragged shoulders as if trying to rise superior to the thought, for there was a remnant of pride in Mulcahy, albeit time

weary body that soon discovers the egg-shell substance of the promise? He shuddered and hurried down a side street of American-basement houses, with their dainty Boston ferns and yews, pretty windows with costly curtains that sealed happy homes from the profane eyes of the public. And this atmosphere gave Mulcahy hope. The inspiration born of despair took root.

He intended to abandon all thoughts of getting work until warm weather. It was worse than hopeless to think he could get work now—why, the weather, his age, all were against it. He would go back to the "pen" if he had literally to "steal" his way back.

The thing to do now was to conjure up some reasonable offense, some trifling transgression that would open the iron gates of the prison, as difficult of entrance as it was of exit, and tide him over the winter months.

But what could he do? Not a single



misdeed suggested itself to his overwrought brain. If he could only steal something long enough to get arrested and sent to the island! But how? When, and above all where?

Broadway and Thirty-third street, with its triangle of shops, answered that question. It was very late, but he knew that a week before Christmas the shops would be open until late. In the hope that his clothes would contribute their help toward arousing the suspicions of the store detectives, he quickened his steps feverishly.

Inside the shop was warm, brilliant, and jammed with people. The incoming and outgoing crowds jostled and pushed Mulcahy as if he were a rubber-washer between the hub of a wheel and the linch-pin.

Presently he found himself at the notion counter, swept there by the tide of customers. He wondered at the confidence of the storekeepers, who took no trouble to protect their wares set forth in little compartments.

Now he was backed into a little case, and he felt his fingers

graze on something; mechanical, he placed the thing in his pocket, and then let himself drift along with the crowd.

He had stolen something! Was it a cake of soap—perhaps; but with a sickening sensation of impotence he remembered that one cake of soap might not unlock the iron gate of the "pen."

Mulcahy sighed. Now he was in the jewelry department. It yielded vast possibilities as far as valuables were concerned, but these were carefully protected by glass cases. True, there were some little trays of gold-filled pins and bracelets scarcely worth the effort of attainment. And yet a handful of these trifles, flagrantly abstracted, might attract the attention of a detective.

Perhaps there were no detectives, after all. This thought smote to him in the act of reaching out a trembling hand toward a delicate gold-filled bangle. Then he paused, and in that moment of hesitation he felt a twitch at his coat, and, turning to face what he felt must be authority either in plain or blue clothes, he perceived at his side a very pretty little girl.

She was well dressed; and after the first shock he felt on looking into her clear blue eyes, Mulcahy saw a beautiful locket and chain clasped around her neck.

In the mean time she has possessed herself of his coat-pocket as if it were his hand, and clung to him as she asked:

"Have you seen my mama?" Her voice was smothered by the crowd that pressed around her, and Mulcahy had to lift her up in his arms to make himself heard.

"No," he replied, his face close to her pretty neck and ear. "Shall we go and look for her?" he added, touched by the sudden moisture that blurred her eyes.

As he spoke he carried her to the revolving-door. Once out in the street, she told him that she had been shopping with her mother and had got lost. She lived, she said on Fifth street, between Madison and Fifth avenue. She didn't know the number, but there were green trees at the door, and it was a white house.

You mustn't think that this escape diverted Mulcahy from his original scheme. Only he wanted to be of use to the child, and he also saw a much better way of obtaining his arrest and entrance to prison.

The locket and chain he knew would serve his purpose, for he intended stealing them as soon as he had found her home. There were four dollars and ninety cents left from the "pen's" munificence, but he spent enough of it in a candy-store to have provided for himself for two days.

Over a congenial glass of ice cream soda the little girl gave him her name—Violet Van Twiller. The telephone book did the rest in the matter of locating the Van Twiller mansion, whither Violet was escorted by her ragged friend.

Afterward, when Mulcahy left her standing at the door of her home waving at him and smiling in her sweet, frank way, he wondered how he had found it in his heart to steal the necklace; but there it was in his hand, still warm from contact with her throat.

Then he darted away from the street, and, clasping the locket tightly, flew to the first police station and gave himself up.

The judge did not conceal his disgust when he learned that Mulcahy had robbed a child; and when he uttered sternly, "Six months on the island for him," he marveled at the brutality of a man who could smile at the sentence.

Meantime, Violet Van Twiller had been received with the tears and rejoicings of a hysterical and loving family and diligently interrogated concerning the events of the evening.

Over and over again she repeated the story of the "kind, ragged gentleman" who had sought her candy and

and had found her home for her. Later, Mr. Van Twiller discovered that Violet had mysteriously lost her locket; but, though he suspected her



Boasted to Jerry, the Spike.

strange friend, he was so grateful to the "ragged gentleman" that the next day he advertised in all the papers that he wished to reward the person who had restored his daughter to her family.

But Mulcahy never learned of this golden opportunity which might have given him a new start in life, though he gave the officer who accompanied him to the island the name and address of the little owner of the necklace, and it was sent to her.

The next day saw Mulcahy safely aboard the Fidelity and headed for the "pen."

At the end of the week he was sitting at the Christmas dinner which had seemed a phantom on that dreadful day he was set at liberty.

Between mouthfuls of fat turkey and cranberry sauce he boasted to Jerry the Spike, Hank, and Bottles how he had hoodwinked justice.

When he reported for work, a few days later, the keeper who presided over the men engaged in breaking stone remarked casually to a fellow keeper:

"I see Mulcahy is back on the job."

"Yes," the other replied; "he was liberated a week ago, and now he's back again. I tell you this place is a cinch for those fellows. They're doing life on the installment plan. If you dumped the whole caboodle into the East river and told them to swim to New York, they'd all turn like a lot of rats and squeak to come back to the 'pen.'"

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# IS GROWING BETTER

Each Christmas Sees Nearer Approach to Ideal.

Humanity Affected by Teachings of Him Whose Birth Is Celebrated—Spirit of Helpfulness Prevails Among Men.

ACH year brings the world nearer to the ideal of the Prince of Peace, the ideal of universal brotherhood. Wars may occur from time to time and nations continue to arm themselves, but steadily the thought develops in the minds of men throughout the range of civilization that fighting is a wasteful, senseless, inconclusive method of adjusting differences, and that righteousness and justice can be maintained by other means.

Over nineteen hundred years have passed since Christ was born, bringing the message of peace on earth and good will to men. Before his time the world knew no such doctrine. There was the law of might, and might prevailed. There were rights, but rights were dependent upon the strength of arms and often suffered. The strong arm governed in the affairs of men. The doctrine that Christ preached was one of enlightenment, an appeal to the reason, addressed to the higher self of man.

Those who are discouraged by the occasional outbreaks of strife between nations should take comfort in the thought that there is a steadily increasing sentiment for pacific adjustments, that the essential spirit of Christianity is at work throughout the world to bring men into more reasonable relations, and that in the international as well as the private conditions of life the doctrines that were first preached in Judea nineteen hundred years ago are becoming steadily more dominant.

Christmas day naturally causes a reflection upon the state of humanity as affected by the teachings of him whose birth is celebrated. Men are unquestionably kinder and more thoughtful toward one another now than ever before. There is more charity in the world, and more justice, and more earnest disposition to bring humanity up to a higher level. There is more widespread education as a result of this spirit of helpfulness, and there is less suffering. Men are devoting themselves to the study of the needs of the less fortunate and to the amelioration of their condition. In all lands practical Christianity is working to the end literally of bringing peace on earth and good will to men.

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## LUCK IN SPECULATION

SOME REMARKABLE INSTANCES ON RECORD.

Small Fortunes Have Been Made From the Purchase of Wrecks That at the Time Seemed to Have No Value.

Experts laughed when a well-known firm of Melbourne grain merchants paid £368 for the wreck of the Jean Bart, a French barque which, while on a voyage from Antwerp to Walla-rou, ran aground in Spencer gulf, South Australia. Her hold quickly filled, and it was soon impossible to float her. For two months she was in this condition, and the owners instructed the captain to sell the wreck by auction. A number of Austrian firms sent representatives to inspect the wreck, but none of them thought it worth while to buy. The merchants in question, however, made a bid and the wreck was sold to them for £368.

They engaged a diver to inspect the vessel. It was then discovered that the damage to the barque was slight, and that a hole about a foot in diameter, which had been torn in the bows, could easily be repaired. The work was begun at once, the water pumped out of the hold, and ultimately the vessel was towed to Melbourne, where it was found that the value of the ship and cargo was over £12,000.

This instance of lucky speculation in a wreck is by no means isolated. Some time ago a man bought a steamer which was wrecked off Yorkshire for £300. It was not a big ship, says the Standard, but she had a valuable cargo on board, and it was feared that the bottom had been ripped out of the ship and the cargo lost. In the cargo was a large number of pictures. Few firms cared to touch the business, and the underwriters let it go for the sum stated. But the ship was inspected and raised and then, to the surprise of everybody, the cargo was discovered to be little the worse for its immersion. The property sold for nearly £10,000.

Another lucky speculation was that of a man who bought a ship which was wrecked with a valuable cargo off the coast of Africa. She had been given up as hopeless, and he secured her for a mere song. Ultimately he succeeded in raising her and towing her to Gibraltar. The ship is still sailing under another name, and the owner has made a fortune out of the deal.

It is pointed out that there are a number of wrecks round the shores of Britain which would prove very profitable to anyone with facilities for raising them. The vast amount of iron and wood in some of the holds would pay for the cost of salvage. From the Lizard one can see quite a number of wrecks on the coast line, and it has often been suggested that if these were salvaged systematically a profitable business could be built up in this way.—London Tit-Bits.

### Making Capital.

The New Reporter going to the telephone and ostentatiously starting the machinery—Hello! Central! Let me have 2745 C, please. (A pause.) You Giddy little thing! No. I said twenty-seven. Twenty-sev—Hello! Is that 2745 C? Is Mr. Safertgers Devoyn in the office? Will you tell him that Mr. Jefferson McAddister would like to speak with him? Yes, that's the name, McAddister, journalist.

The other reporters listen in awestruck silence.

The New Reporter—Is this really Mr. Devoyn? My name is—Ah, you recognize my voice? You perhaps remember that I interviewed you yesterday. What's that? Best report? Oh, thank you! You're very kind. I tried to make it so. Has anything turned up in regard to that case since noon? Well, sorry to trouble you. Eh? Dinner? You're extremely kind. At Sherry's? What? And a bottle? (Surgically interest in the entire staff.) It's awfully kind of you. Well, say Tuesday, at eight. But really I—

City Editor (in his every-day voice)—I have some work here, McAddister, when you are quite through talking to yourself. That telephone has been disconnected since morning.—Puck.

### Very Simple.

The great detective climbed through the kitchen window, followed by his faithful assistant.

"Ah!" he exclaimed, surveying the surroundings, "I find that his wife is away!"

"How long has she been away?" asked his ally.

"Exactly 30 days."

"And how on earth do you know that?"

"By the unwashed dishes and cups and saucers. There are 90 of each in all, which shows that he used three a day for 30 days, and left them for her to wash when she comes home—same as we all do. Simplest thing in the world."

### 'Twas Up to Her.

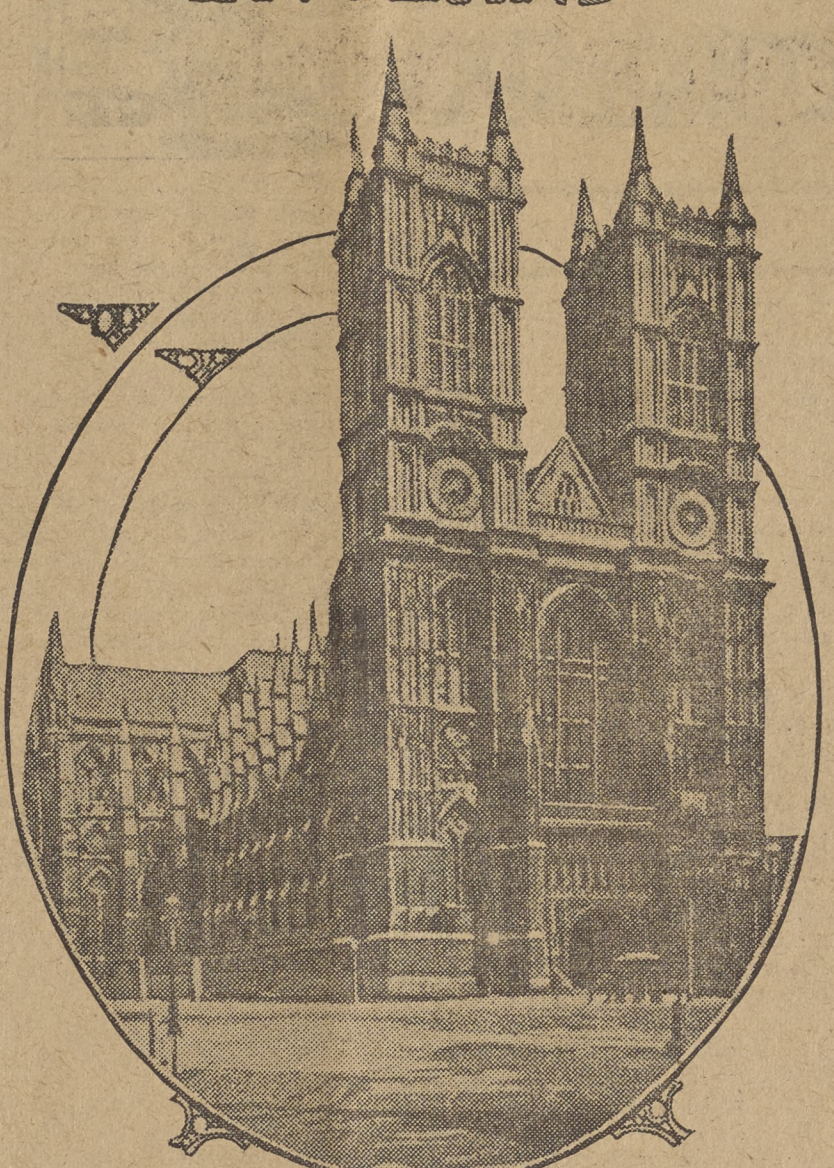
Mr. and Mrs. Nagg were visiting friends in Brooklyn, and several times were importuned to visit, before they left, Greenwood cemetery, called the most beautiful burial grounds in the country.

But one thing or another hindered, and as their visit drew to a close, Mrs. Nagg said: "Henry, when are you going to take me to the cemetery?"

Mr. Nagg, who had not yet recovered from the effects of a scolding administered not long before, moodily replied:

"With pleasure, my dear, whenever you're ready."

# MONUMENTAL RELICS OF ENGLAND



WESTMINSTER ABBEY

THE monumental relics of England are legion. There are many in London, but three of these are of transcendent historical interest, viz., the Tower, Westminster abbey and Westminster hall. When buildings have existed for centuries, the natural feeling is to take it for granted that they will live on for centuries more. But this easy-going faith has little foundation in fact, as all who have the care of ancient monuments know only too well. Old buildings require constant attention and frequent repair; but a time comes when something more is needed and we often hear with dismay of the failure of foundations in various parts of the country. Fortunately, owing to the remarkable progress of practical science, experts are ready to undertake the renewal of the strength of these foundations, if their aid is not called upon too late.

### Great Timber Roof.

The thought of any danger to the wondrous building known to us as Westminster hall, which was originally added to the palace of Westminster by William Rufus, is a severe shock to all who have seen its beauty and know its remarkable history. It is an abiding record of most of the great events of history preserved in stone. Here it is not the foundations that are at fault. The walls of Rufus' hall were raised on solid foundations and are sound, although the paving of the hall was placed on Thames mud. It is the grand timber roof, raised by Richard II, that is decayed in parts, and urgently needs repair. The roof has been partially repaired at various times during its centuries of existence, and it has always been carefully inspected. Lately fears respecting its condition have been aroused, and the office of works has published a valuable report on the present condition of the structure. So far, this is as it should be. The evil being recognized in time, we may be sure that proper means will be taken to place this noble structure in safety for many years to come. The glorious "hammer roof" is recognized as the finest example of the Gothic open timber roof in existence, and for this reason alone its preservation is a duty of the most responsible character. In the construction of this roof Irish oak (said to be abhorrent to the spider) was used, and the workmen employed in inspection affirm that they have never seen a spider among the rafters. Tom Fuller refers to its "cobwebbed beams." The causes of decay are: (1) The work of the beetle (or, rather, the larva of the beetle or worm), which attacks the wood; "only where the timber has been honeycombed was there any decided sign of decay" showing holes on the face of the beam. (2) Dry rot, "found chiefly where the timbers have been subjected to dampness. It has attacked the wall posts, particularly those at the northern end of the hall, where they are embedded in the wall and packed round with soft rubble. This danger was apparently foreseen by the skilled carpenters who erected the room, for originally a space was left between the wall posts and the wall to admit the free passage of air."

Much of the timber has become of a rich golden brown, the result of decay, but this is only on the outside, and most of the timber is hard and sound. The principal rafters have been extensively repaired at different times, and at one period the trusses were all systematically strengthened by a series of wrought-iron tie rods. It is supposed that the larger portion of the structure is sound. A thorough

examination of the whole by means of an extensive scaffolding will be undertaken. The report, already referred to, contains a description of the construction of the roof which was carried out on scientific principles by the skillful carpenters of the end of the fourteenth century—the craftsmen who stood at the head of the "Wrights" of all classes, and bore the honorable title of Wright pure and simple.

A statement of the dimensions of the work is eloquent of the hugeness of the structure. "The span of Westminster hall is 68 feet 4 inches, and the opening between the ends of the hammer beams is 25 feet 6 inches. The height from the paving of the hall to the hammer beams is 40 feet; to the under side of the main collar beam 63 feet 6 inches, and to the apex of the roof 92 feet."

### History Little Known.

The early history of Westminster is interesting, but unfortunately we know little certain about it. Sebert and the associations of the ancient kings with the place are rather shadowy, and we have little to build upon before Edward the Confessor. When the Normans settled in England there were the two palaces, one at the Tower and the other at Westminster. William Rufus built his great hall on to the Saxon palace and "New Palace Yard" came into being. The adjective "new" forms a deceptive designation in many cases, but seldom so much so as in this name. The history of Westminster hall is of interest from its beginning, but in its completeness it dates from the last years of that unfortunate king, Richard II., who ordered the construction of the noble roof, and considered this as the greatest work of his reign. The original hall was vastly different from that now existing and consisted of a nave and two aisles. At Pentecost (April 10), 1099, William II. held his court for the first year in his new building at Westminster. In the following year he was shot in the New Forest. Westminster hall was the principal seat of the Aula Regia or Curia Regis, which also accompanied the king on his travels. Henry II. is said to have attended personally in his court, as did later kings until James I. interfered so far as to need Sir Edward Coke's caution "that he was not competent to decide questions of law."

On New Year's day, 1236, the occasion of Queen Eleanor's coronation and the entry into London of Henry III. and his queen, the king caused 6,000 poor men, women and children to be entertained in the hall and in other rooms of the palace. One of the first great public events in the history of the hall was the trial of Sir William Wallace in 1305. He was taken there on August 23 on horseback and placed on a scaffold at the south end with a laurel crown on his head in mockery of what was said to have been his boast that he would wear a crown in that hall.

### Strong Recommendation.

Simeon Ford, apropos of a pretty girl's mercenary marriage, said: "She was led into this by her mother. You know what some mother's are! Like Mrs. Avarus." "Mrs. Avarus was urging her daughter to marry Naybob. But the girl cried: "'Naybob! Why, he's old and he's ugly, he's mean and he's cruel. He's illiterate and he's vulgar. Naybob! Naybob has nothing in the world to recommend him except his wealth.' "You forget his heart disease, my dear," said the mother, gently."

## Keeping the Body in Repair

Nature intended that the body should do its own repairing—and it would do so were it not for the fact that most of us live other than a natural life.

Nature didn't intend that we should wear corsets, tight collars or shoes, nor live in badly ventilated and draughty houses, nor eat and drink some of the things that we do, nor ride in street cars when we should walk.

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### Employer's Right to Discharge.

The United States Court of Appeals, Sixth circuit, laid down rules governing a master's right to discharge an employee for misconduct in Carpenter Steel company vs. Norcross, a suit for breach of contract of employment. The court held it to be a sufficient defense that the employee was guilty of the misconduct charged, although such misconduct was not known to the employer at the time of the discharge, which was based upon other alleged acts by the employee. The court held that the servant owes the master the duty of faithfulness, whether expressed in the contract or not, and any conduct showing an unfaithful disposition is sufficient to justify a discharge. The acts proved were that plaintiff was manager of the defendant's branch warehouse, where high grade steel was sold to the automobile trade, and that in entertaining purchasing agents at the automobile show in New York he was guilty of excessive drinking and committed other acts of dissipation and made advances out of his deposit account to employees and customers. The court ruled that such acts did not constitute misconduct warranting his discharge as a matter of law, but raised a question of fact for the jury.

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### True Thrift.

A certain millionaire, who owes his fortune to his thrift and economy, tells this story of a bookkeeper to illustrate the way in which those qualities work to the advantage of their possessor:

"I once made up my mind," said the bookkeeper, "that I would become the owner of a gold watch. I saved up the money for it in this way: When I felt like eating a 50-cent luncheon I ate a 25-cent one instead and put the other quarter aside for my watch fund. You will hardly believe it, but in less than six months I had saved money enough to purchase the watch."

"But you don't seem to have bought it," objected his friend.

"Well, no. When I found how easily I could get along without the 50-cent luncheons I concluded I could get along without the gold watch, and the watch fund is growing into a house-and-lot fund now."—Youth's Companion.

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Three tablespoons of melted butter, two tablespoons of flour stirred in, 1½ cups of milk; cook until it thickens, then add two cans of shrimp and one can of peas; drain the liquid off of each and add them to the mixture, then stir all together; salt to taste; serve on toasted bread. But we have ours with mashed potato.

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## ALL AROUND TOWN

Roy Morgan was in the city Tuesday.

Myrtle McPherson visited Irvington Sunday.

Mrs. Billie Moore was in Oakland Wednesday.

Mrs. Chas. Ovenacker spent last Saturday in San Francisco.

Miss Hattie Corliss, of Oakland, is spending the week at the Belvoir.

Miss Irene Rodrick visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roderick over Wednesday.

Prof. Vincent and family have gone to Modesto to spend their vacation.

Mrs. Chittenden visited in San Francisco for a couple of days this week.

Mrs. Richmond, of Hayward, visited her sister, Mrs. Walpert, on Wednesday.

B. Bowman is now temporarily in charge of the California Gravel Works.

Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth left this week for the Eastern States and a trip to Florida.

Mrs. Nolund, of Oakland, spent Tuesday in Niles with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Moore.

Lester Cumings went to Modesto Tuesday to visit his grandmother over the holidays.

Mr. Coleman Elam, of the Essanay Company, will visit his folks in Fresno over Christmas.

Mrs. Clara Teeters has been confined to her home for some time with a severe case of la grippe.

Rev. Mr. Jones, from Lodi, was an unexpected visitor in Niles Thursday, calling on his old friends.

Mrs. L. J. Babb spent the first of the week in Oakland as the guest of her son, Ehrman Babb.

Miss De Cora went Saturday of this week to Bakersfield to remain until some time in January.

Fred Rogers, of the Hotel Wesley, and Thos. Crizer made a hurried trip to San Jose last Wednesday.

Roy Morgan has received an elegant assortment of Christmas trees, which he is displaying in front of his store.

Mrs. E. E. Wade, of San Francisco, came to Niles on Thursday to spend the day with her father, Mr. H. A. Mayhew.

Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth and her son Oliver started for the East Monday, where they will take in Florida, New York and other States.

Many Niles people have been in Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose during the week, doing their Christmas shopping.

Mr. H. Mayhew was a sufferer the first of the week from an attack of heart trouble, but under the care of Dr. McKown is gradually recovering.

games with several vocal solos. The Belvoir house guests joined in the games. Light refreshments were served later in the evening.

Patrick Rooney, of the Essanay Company, has been called to San Francisco and will hereafter be an attache of the Gaiety Theater.

Mrs. Melvina Chaix Robinson has been quite seriously ill during the past week. Dr. Emerson and Mrs. Chase, as nurse, are attending her.

The King bus crowd, going to C. H. S. from Niles, attended the matinee in Oakland last Wednesday and report having a very delightful time.

Miss Florence Sharpe and Miss Bernard will visit the Yosemite after Christmas and will remain in the valley several weeks as guests of Mrs. Sells.

Mrs. H. E. Mosher went to Oakland the first of the week for a visit with the family of her son Harry, returning with them by auto, after they had spent the week-end in Niles.

Mrs. R. L. Chandler spent the latter part of last week in Sonoma County, returning with Velma Chandler, niece of Mr. Chandler, who will stay over the holidays.

E. Hohbach, of Hohbach Bros. in San Francisco, in company with D. Friedman, a furniture dealer of the city, was in town Thursday, and were guests at the Hotel Wesley.

Messrs. H. E. Mosher, Thos. Sullivan and Thos. Bedard, who have been serving for some weeks as trial jurors in the Oakland courts, are to have a release from duties until after the holidays.

T. C. Field, of London and Chicago, who is stopping at the Hotel Belvoir, and is studying nursery stock at the California Nurseries, with the intention of entering the field of landscape work in California, made a pleasure trip to San Jose this week, in company with his wife. Mr. Field is the son-in-law of J. M. Johnson, vice-president of the Western Pacific, whose home is at Piedmont.

### Notice to Bidders

The James Graham Mfg. Co. will receive bids at their office in Newark, California, on or before 3.00 o'clock p.m., January 3, 1914, for the erection and completion of a one-story brick warehouse. Plans and specifications describing this work may be had from A. T. Criffin, Niles, Cal. and from the office of the City Engineer.

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### MISSION SAN JOSE

Several friends from the Mission attended the funeral of Solomon Ehrman, an old resident of the Mission. Mr. Ehrman came here in 1862 and was in business for forty-five years, and a postmaster here for thirty-five years. The following friends attended the funeral: J. E. Rogers, Joseph Solon, Chas. Steyer, Joseph Sunderer, Miss A. Sunderer, Mr. Ponset, J. M. Turner, A. Rehler, Wm. Rose, R. Fallegros.

Several improvements are being made on the Berge property in the Mission.

Mr. Ben Rose made a business trip to Oakland Wednesday.

The librarian from Fresno County paid a visit to the Mission library last Wednesday.

Four new bookcases were kindly donated to the Mission public library by Mr. Henry Lachman. This makes eight bookcases that Mr. Lachman has donated to the library since it has been opened.

Look for the dance to be given by the Mission Athletic Club next month.

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## COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

### CENTERVILLE

The Washington Parlor No. 169, N. S. G. W., was visited by Grand Trustees J. S. Snyder, of Nevada City, and J. J. McElroy, of Oakland. Grand Marshal Williams, of Oakland, City Clerk F. M. Smith, of Oakland, who has been a charter member of the Parlor, ever since it was organized, and J. Hannan, of Oakland. After the meeting, a banquet was served at the Gregory House, which was pronounced a great success, about thirty being in attendance.

General Manuel Souza left for Selma last Wednesday to spend Christmas with his brother.

Mr. Wm. S. Santos, formerly of Centerville, and recently of Santa Rosa, has now moved near San Jose.

Rev. Alfred M. Sousa addressed his people for the first time as pastor of the Holy Ghost Parish last Sunday. A large congregation was present.

The Catholic Ladies' Bazaar was pronounced a great success, and the ladies feel well paid for their labors.

The Orient Chapter No. 177, O. E. S., held their installation Wednesday evening. The following officers were installed: Blanche Kirk, Matron; Mr. Kirk, Patron; Mrs. Frank Brown, Associate Matron; Nancy McKeown, Conductress; Etta Biddle, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Emily Mowry, Marshal; Dr. Ormsby, Chaplain; Carrie L. Emerson, Warder; Harry Searles, Sentinel; Mary C. Allen, Organist; Mr. Mickle, Mrs. Hawley, Mrs. Henry May, Mrs. Searles, Mr. Muller, Star Officers. A banquet followed the installation. Mr. and Mrs. Huxley, of Berkeley, were also present.

Mrs. L. H. Eggers entertained the

"Sweet Sixteens" last Thursday.

Mrs. Agnes Smith and daughter spent Friday in San Francisco.

Mrs. Mowry, Mrs. Mickle, Mrs. Geo. Lowrie and Mrs. Geo. Mathies were Christmas shoppers in San Francisco Tuesday.

### NEWARK

Saturday, December 13th, a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Yeaman.

Mr. Lloyd Wales, who is now employed in the Western Pacific office, in San Francisco, visited home over Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Chamberlin was in Oakland Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kagey were in San Francisco last Saturday and Sunday.

Otto Schlessinger was in town Sunday.

Mrs. M. Maderos visited in Oakland Wednesday.

Miss Orbie Smith and Miss Daisy Moore took an automobile ride to Niles Monday night and visited Mrs. H. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob. Page, of Portland, Ore., with little Cecil Paize, expect to visit Mrs. T. Paize and family during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Craig, of San Jose, and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Sattler and daughter Amy, of San Francisco, will spend Christmas with Mrs. M. E. Bole.

Mrs. H. Braun is in Elmhurst to attend her mother, who is quite ill.

G. Lazzarini arrived home from the hospital last week. Although still in the doctor's care, it is hoped by his many friends that he will soon be well again.

Mrs. A. T. Biddle spent last Friday in Oakland.

Mrs. Wiseman and daughters were in San Jose one day this week doing their Christmas shopping.

Mrs. E. M. Delaney spent Friday in Oakland shopping.

The wedding of Jos. Dias and Emma Coldiera took place last Sunday at the Catholic church in Centerville. The bride was gown in a white crepe de

chine dress, and was attended by Mrs. John Marshall, and the groom's best man was John Marshall. Dinner was served at the home of the bride. A large number of friends and relatives were present. The honeymoon is to be spent in San Francisco.

Mrs. Agnes Long, who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, is improving.

Mrs. W. H. Maffey and children, of Vallejo, are spending the short days of the winter with Mrs. Maffey's mother, Mrs. C. S. Haley. Mr. Maffey has recently gone into business for himself in San Francisco, and has given up his position at the Mare Island Navy Yard.

### IRVINGTON

School closed Friday for three weeks' vacation.

Wm. W. Hirsch took a business trip to San Francisco last Tuesday.

Mrs. Joseph, who is sick at the Conner Sanitarium in San Jose, is much improved.

Miss June Witherley spent a few days in San Jose with Mr. and Mrs. Ned Witherley.

Miss Chrissie Wrede spent Wednesday with her father in Fruitvale.

Mrs. Bert Healey is stopping with her sister, Mrs. Weilheimer, at Mountain View.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Saxe were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Saxe last Sunday.

Miss Myrtle McPherson, of Niles, was visiting Miss F. Roderick the past Sunday.

Mrs. Babb took a trip to San Francisco on Thursday.

O. N. Hirsch motored to Mountain View the Thursday past.

The Robinson family, of Oakland, who bought the Montrose place last week, moved in Monday.

Mrs. Lutz and Miss E. Petersen went to hear Melba and Kubelik in San Francisco last Sunday.

Miss L. Trenoth was visiting friends in Oakland and Haywards the week end.

Mrs. Chris Miller went to San Jose on Thursday to do some shopping.

J. M. Medeiros and family have moved from Mission Street to the Osgood residence on San Jose Avenue.

Miss Marie Babb went to San Jose on Monday.

Miss Dora Levy, of San Francisco, is staying at the Carlson home.

Mrs. M. V. Perry and Mrs. T. Berge have gone to San Francisco to spend a few weeks.

Dr. Durham has gone to Palo Alto for a few days.

Mr. G. Olindo is spending his vacation in Los Angeles.

The Clark place on Mission Street has been rented to Japanese for a lodging house.

Mrs. Warmesley went to San Jose on Monday.

Mr. Ed Rix is on the sick list.

Dr. C. Lutz received a telegram from New York that his brother Ulysses had passed away.

Mr. J. E. Geary and Mr. T. Sorenson, of Hayward, were visitors in town Tuesday.

Mr. M. Goulart and T. Rogers motored to Berkeley on Tuesday.

Mr. Ehrman, of San Francisco, formerly of Mission San Jose, died Sunday and was buried Tuesday, from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Frank.

Miss Minnie Nunes went to Oakland to visit her sister, Mrs. Mosquito, last Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Hirsch went to San Jose, Tuesday.

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